

Manassas National Battlefield Park

War For Freedom: African American Experiences in the Era of the Civil War

Resource #8: Robinson Verdict, Southern Claims Commission



The Claim of James Robinson, of Prince William, in the State of Virginia

Item #	Nature of Claim	Amount Claimed		Amount Allowed		Amount Denied		Remarks
1	25 tons hay	500	00	225	00	275	00	<p>Claimant was born free and is seventy two years old. Sympathised with the Union cause and adhered to the Gov't of the United States, partly for the reason as he says that he feared the Confederacy might (...) once his race to slavery His neighbors regarded him as a loyal man, and we (...) to believe he was and so find him to be for the purposes of this case-</p> <p>He owned a farm of 200 acres which he had bought many years before the war, a part at a time, and it was most of it cultivated by himself and his son then grown-In August 1862 the Union Army then fighting the (...) in the vicinity of Manassas camped all around Claimant, and took whatever they wanted from him-</p> <p>After due consideration of the evidence in the case we allow the sum of twelve hundred and forty nine dollars, being at usual rates for item proved; rejecting only as altogether inadmissible item 10, for use of house and garden and for personal services of family.</p>
2	60 bush wheat	120	00	60	00	60	00	
3	20 bush. corn	20	00	20	00			
4	2 horses 275. 7 hogs 125	350	00	235	00	115	00	
5	3 Blbbs.fish 25, 800lbs bacon 100	125	00	30	00	95	00	
6	Two fat cattle 1 acre potatoes	140	00	100	00	40	00	
7	12 acres corn	300	00	120	00	180	00	
8	Groceries and provisions	75	00			75	00	
9	Bed & furniture	250	00	50	00	200	00	
10	Garden house & services	200	00			200	00	
11	12600 rails	378	00	309	00	69	00	
12	25 acres oats	150	00	100	00	50	00	
	TOTAL	2608	00	1249	00	1359	00	

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